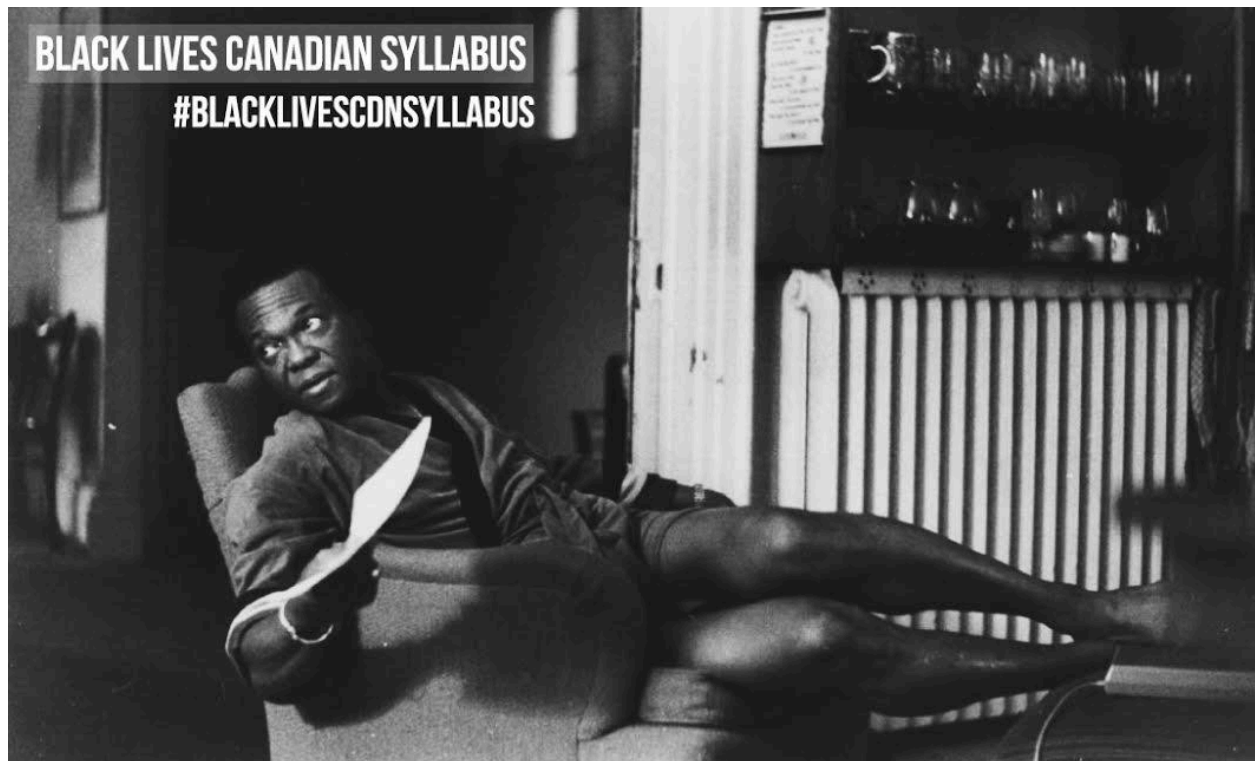




This is a collection of multiple resources to help illuminate the context of black life and black history in Canada because “crowd-sourced syllabi are acts of resistance.” This hashtag was developed by [Anthony Morgan](#), a lawyer and community advocate, after questions surrounding the necessity of Black Lives Matter Toronto sparked off after the group’s protests at Pride on July 5th. You can read more about this in Morgan’s interview with *The Toronto Star* [here](#). The compilation of materials from this crowd-sourced syllabus was compiled by and will continue to be updated by [Huda Hassan](#). For any and all additional contributions to [#BlackLivesCDNSyllabus](#) please either add to this document (suggested changes will be reviewed).

Articles on this project:

1. [The Toronto Star](#)
2. [Canadian Art](#)
3. [The Fader](#)

4. [Storify](#)

Essays and books

- **Black Like Who** by Rinaldo Walcott
- **Fear of a Black Nation: Race, Sex & Security in Sixties Montreal** by David Austin
- **We're Rooted Here & They Can't Pull Us Up** by P. Bristow, L. Carty, A. Cooper, S. Hamilton, A. Shadd,
- **The Promised Land: History and Historiography of the Black Experience in Chatham-Kent's Settlements and Beyond** by Boulou Ebanda de B'éri, Nina Reid-Maroney, and Handel Kashope Wright,
- **Scratching the Surface: Canadian Anti-Racist Feminist Thought** by Enakshi Dua and Angela Robertson
- **Science quarrels sculpture: The politics of reading Sarah Baartman** by Katherine McKittrick
- **Piece of my heart: A lesbian of colour anthology** by Makeda Silvera
- **Odysseys Home: Mapping African-Canadian Literature** by George Elliott Clarke
- **Viola Desmond's Canada: A History of Blacks and Racial Segregation in the Promised Land** by Graham Reynolds
- **North of the Color Line: Migration and Black Resistance in Canada, 1870-1955** by Sarah-Jane Mathieu
- **The Road to Now: A History of Blacks in Montreal** by Dorothy Williams
- **Deemed Unsuitable: Blacks from Oklahoma Move to the Canadian Prairies in Search of Equality** by Bruce R. Shepard
- **The First Black Prairie Novel** by Katrina Vernon
- **Bluesprint: Black British Columbian Literature and Orature** by Wayde Compton
- **No Place Like Home: African Refugees and the Emergence of a New Queer Frame of Reference** by Notisha Massaquoi
- **Let The Niggers Burn: The Sir George Williams Affair & its Caribbean Aftermath** by Dennis Forsythe
- **The Ethics of learning from Rwandan survivor communities** by Umwali Sollange & MJ Rwigema
- **The Book of Negroes** by Lawrence Hill
- **Any Known Blood** by Lawrence Hill
- **On the destruction of Black communities: Razing Africville** by Jennifer Nelson
- **Being Brown: A Very Public Life** by Rosemary Brown
- **Natural Woman: The Search for Self in Black Canadian Women's Literature** by Sharon Morgan Beckford
- **A Recent History of Racial Bias and Policing in Canada:**
<https://ccla.org/a-recent-history-of-racial-profiling-and-policing/>
- **On being Black in Canada: Black Berry, Sweet Juice** by Lawrence Hill
- **A Place Called Heaven** by Cecil Foster
- **Moving Beyond Borders: A History of Black Canadian and Caribbean Women in the Diaspora** by Karen Flynn
- **Black Canadians** by Joseph Mensah
- **Tireless champion for just causes : memoirs of Bromley L. Armstrong** by Bromley Armstrong
- **My name's not George: The story of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters** by John Cooper

- **Ma-Ka Diasporic Juks: Contemporary Writing by Queers of African Descent** by Debbie Douglas & co.
- **Niggers This Is Canada** by Odimumba Kwamdela
- **Race On Trial: Black Defendants in Ontario's Criminal Courts** by Barrington Walker
- **Colour Coded: A Legal History of Racism in Canada, 1900-1950** by Constance Backhouse
- **My Name's Not George: The Story of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: Personal Reminiscences of Stanley G. Grizzle** by Stanley G. Grizzle with John Cooper
- **The Hanging of Angelique** by Afua Cooper
- **Native Song** by David Woods
- **The Meeting Point** by Austin Clarke
- **'Membering** by Austin Clarke
- **Constellations of Black Radical Imagining Black Arts and Popular Education** (anthology) editors: Luam Kidane and Hawa Mire
- **Live from the Afrikan Resistance** by El Jones
- **Black Confrontation in Sixties Halifax** by James W. St. G. Walker
- **Black Geographies and the Politics of Place** by Katherine McKittrick (Editor), Clyde Woods (Editor)
- **Demonic Grounds: Black Women and the Cartographies of Struggle** by Katherine McKittrick
- **Theorizing Empowerment: Canadian Perspectives on Black Feminist Thought** by Notisha Massaquoi (Editor), Njoki Nathani Wane (Editor)
- **[The Skin I'm In: I've been interrogated by police more than 50 times—all because I'm black by Desmond Cole](#)**

Films, Documentaries, and Videos

- **Discourse on the Logic of Language (from 'She Tries Her Tongue')** by M. NourbeSe Philip
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=424yF9eqBsE&sns=tw>
- **Welcome to Africville** by Dana Inkster
<http://www.vtape.org/video?vi=4201>
- **Speakers For The Dead: Documentary about the original black settlers of Priceville, Ontario Canada** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0fbINBjb6I>
- **"I remember back home,"** by Clifton Joseph
<https://youtu.be/MfU1cDi1hfQ?list=PL1EE3C672867CA647>
- **The Ninth Floor** by Mina Shum
https://www.nfb.ca/film/ninth_floor/
- **Home Feeling: Struggle for a Community** by Jennifer Hodge de Silva
https://www.nfb.ca/film/home_feeling_struggle_for_a_community/
- **Encounter at Kwacha House-Halifax** by Rex Tasker
<http://www3.onf.ca/objectifdocumentaire/index.php?mode=view&language=english&filmId=13>
- **Journey to Justice** by Roger McTair
https://www.nfb.ca/film/journey_to_justice/
- **Black Mother, Black Daughter** by Sylvia Hamilton & Claire Prieto
https://www.nfb.ca/film/black_mother_black_daughter/
- **Older Stronger Wiser** by Claire Prieto
https://www.nfb.ca/film/older_stronger_wiser/
- **But Some Are Brave** by Grace Channer
- **"El Jones pens poem about pain of shooting deaths in Nova Scotia"**
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/el-jones-halifax-council-shootings-racism-violence-poet-1.3557608>

Photographers

- Wayne Salmon: <http://www.waynesalmon.net/>
- Abdi Osman: <http://www.abdiosman.com>
- Jalani Morgan: <http://www.jalanimorgan.com>
- Wade Hudson: <http://www.wadehudson.ca>
- Yannick Anton: <http://www.yannickanton.com>
- Setti Kidane: <http://www.settikidane.com/>
- Alycia Wynter: <http://www.wynterphotography.ca>
- Nabil Shash: <http://www.nabilshasha.com>
- Taiwo Bah: <http://taideluxe.tumblr.com/>
- Tsholo Khalema

Visual Artists

- Camille Turner
- Sandra Brewster
- Michele Pearson Clarke
- Komi Olaf
- Kalkidan Assefa
- Quentin Vercitty
- Danillo McCallum
- Chiedza Pasipanodya
- Bishara Mohamed
- Allan Andre
- Kosi Nnebe
- Syrus Marcus Ware

Poets, Creative Writers

- Ayanna Black
- Audrey Dwyer
- Dionne Brand
- George Elliott Clarke
- d'bi.young Anitafrika
- Esi Edugyan
- Faduma Mohamed
- Cecily Nicholson
- Lorna Goodison
- Keisha Monique Simpson
- Dahveed Delisca
- Sabrina Moella
- Nalo Hopkinson
- Kemba King
- Djanet Sears (playwright, actor, director)
- Adebe Derango-Adem, Poet
- Motion (playwright, emcee)
- Trey Anthony (playwright)

- **Darren Anthony (playwright)**
- **Donna Michelle St Bernard** (playwright, writer, rapper)
- **El Jones**
- **Afua Cooper**
- **James W. St. G. Walker**
- **Ella Cooper**
- **Prufrock Shadowrunner** (spoken word artist)
- **Lisa Codrington**
- **Marcia Johnson**
- **Makambe Simamba**
- **Andrew Moodie**
- **Cheryl Foggo**
- **Joseph Jomo Pierre**

Music

- **Jamaican Funk Canadian Style** by Michie Mee & L.A. Luv
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObqLwv7UtP8&sns=tw>
- **The Village** by Ian Kamau
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-Pe-wtFyzM>
- **Kardi's Korner Freestyle** by Kardinal Offishall
https://youtu.be/3C6_rT3Q3Fs
- **I Fight Back** by Lillian Allen
<https://youtu.be/jISfiTmz6B8>
- **Fam Jam** by Shad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u9JoEYxFnw>
- **Johnny Was** by Bob Marley
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lpTDMN8c6c&feature=youtu.be
- **I Shot The Sheriff Lyrics** by Bob Marley
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrnZSLwfzVs>

Singers/Musicians

- **Four the Moment**
- **Jackie Shane**
- **Zaki ibrahim**
- **Amenta Muses**
- **Motion**
- **Ian kamau**
- **Tanika Charles**
- **Cold Specs**
- **Shay Lia**
- **Keita Juma**
- **Brendan Phillips**
- **Shad**
- **Shi Wisdom**
- **Spek Won**
- **Lunice**

- Kaytranada
- Daniel Ceaser
- Kreesha Turner
- Trish Music
- TRIPSIXX
- Chibi
- Haley Smalls
- ROJO (Rochelle Jordan)
- This is Nevin (Nevin Sinclair)
- The OBGMs
- Adria Kia
- JAKHOY
- Naadei
- Matthew Progress
- LolaBunz
- Leila Hendrix
- Top 5
- Cadence Weapon
- Lorraine Klaasen
- Natasha Waterman
- Amai Kuda
- John River
- Elena Stoodley
- Elle Barbara

Dancers/Choreographers

- Vivine Scarlett (dance current)
- Zab Maboungou (compagnie danse nyata nyata)
- Melanie Demers (Mayday Danse)
- Kevin Ormsby
- Pulga Muchochoma
- Charmaine Headley and Eddison B. Lindsay (COBA - Collective of Black Artists)
- Patrick Parson (Ballet Creole)
- Shakheil Rollock
- Esie Mensah (Black Stars)<http://www.brooklynfools.com/podcast.html>
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Zines

- The Somali Semantics Zine: <http://somalisemantics.tumblr.com>
- The Blacknesses Between Us zine: https://twitter.com/Blackness_Zine
<https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/BaylaPress>